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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE METHOD TO LIBERATE AFGHAN POLITICAL  
PRISONERS

REFS: A. STATE 143749 B. KABUL 4803 C. KABUL 4712  
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1. WE SHARE AMBASSADOR'S SENSE OF URGENCY ABOUT NEED TO  
FIND MEANS TO ARRANGE RELEASE AND DEPARTURE FROM AFGANI-  
STAN OF POLITICAL PRISONERS AND THEIR FAMILIES.

2. APPEARS TO US IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR AMBASSADOR ELIOT  
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DURING HIS STOP IN LONDON TO DISCUSS PROBLEM WITH SENIOR  
LEVELS IN FCO, IF THIS CAN BE CONVENIENTLY ARRANGED.

3. RECOMMEND APPROACH TO ICRC BE MADE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE  
IN GENEVA, JOINTLY WITH THE BRITISH.

4. IN VIEW OF URGENCY OF SITUATION, WE WOULD ENVISAGE

APPROACH TO ICRC EVEN IN ADVANCE OF DECISION ON WHO MIGHT ACCEPT THE DETAINEES. ONE POSSIBILITY WOULD BE FOR ICRC SENIOR OFFICIAL TO APPROACH AFGHAN AUTHORITIES WITH OFFER TO BE OF HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING

DEPARTURE OF DETAINEES. IF ICRC OBTAINS FAVORABLE RE-ACTION (AS ANTICIPATED, IN LIGHT OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S AND FOREIGN MINISTER'S COMMENTS TO BRITISH AND U.S. OFFICIALS) THEN ICRC COULD IN TURN APPROACH INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE ON EUROPEAN MIGRATION (ICEM), TO ENLIST THEIR HELP IN FINDING RESETTLEMENT OPPORTUNITIES.

5. THIS WOULD BE LESS SATISFACTORY THAN DECISION IN ADVANCE ON A COUNTRY OR COUNTRIES TO ACCEPT THE DETAINEES, BUT OFFERS AN INTERMEDIATE STEP THAT COULD BE STARTED IMMEDIATELY.  
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